

American beech are also present. The understory is sparse but supports witch-hazel, Canada hemlock, red maple, American holly, ironwood, flowering dogwood, hophornbeam, and redbud. The sparse shrub layer consists of scattered great rhododendron (*Rhododendron maximum*), smooth hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*), and mapleleaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*). Herbs such as heartleaf aster (*Aster divaricatus*), heartleaf (*Hexastylis* sp.), marginal wood fern (*Dryopteris marginalis*), maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), and Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), and partridgeberry (*Mitchella repens*) are present.

Some areas on narrow alluvial terraces support examples of Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest with substantial numbers of rare Virginia cup plant (*Silphium connatum*). The forest canopy is dominated by river birch, with occasional sycamore and yellow poplar. The understory contains ironwood, elm, and flowering dogwood. The forest also contains dense patches of shrubs such as spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), and yellowroot (*Xanthorhiza simplicissima*). Herbs are fairly lush and include wild ginger (*Hexastylis* spp.), mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*), and the significantly rare Virginia cup-plant (*Silphium connatum*). Vines such as Carolina coralbeads (*Cocculus carolinus*), trumpetvine (*Campsis radicans*), and poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) are also common.

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